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1. A unit of about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and motor transport insignia returned to the western section of the Artillerie Kaserne, Eberswalde, at about 12:50 p.m. on 2 February, from a field exercise toward Bad Freienwalde. Vehicles [REDACTED] with the unit included 4 half-track armored personnel carriers, 2 armored personnel carriers mounting 2 machine guns each, 2 three-axle armored scout cars [REDACTED] 25X1
two-axle armored scout car No 18, 6 trucks [REDACTED] 25X1
28 sidecar motorcycles including 12 with light machine guns and 16 with a 32-mm disassembled mortar. A field exercise was held in the area of Trampe between 2:30 and 4 p.m. on 2 February. JS-3 tanks [REDACTED] 25X1
drove toward Trampe along the Gersdorf-Trampe road. T-34/85 tanks [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] mounting infantry, also moved toward Trampe along the Kruge-Trampe road. Trampe village was guarded as follows: The Trampe-Gersdorf-Kruege-Heckelberg road fork was guarded by a 76.2-mm AT gun, 4 light machine guns and 50 soldiers on either side of the road; the exit road to Eberswalde was guarded by a 76.2-mm AT gun, 2 light machine guns and about 25 soldiers with rifles and submachine guns; the road intersection in Trampe was guarded by a 76.2-mm AT gun and a small infantry detail. Under light defensive fire by light machine guns, submachine guns and rifles, the tanks reached the southern road fork and advanced as far as to the center of the village. [REDACTED] the tanks came from Freienwalde, while the artillery pieces took off toward Eberswalde. [REDACTED] 1 25X1

2. On 5 February, a 76.2-mm AT gun, 1 x 100-mm AT gun, 2 officers, and 24 FM were loaded at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station for shipment to Annaburg. At about 3 p.m. on 9 February, the troops which were loaded for shipment to Osterburg on 3 February returned to the Flak Kaserne, coming from Tangerhuetten. [REDACTED] At 11 p.m., 20 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 25 to 30 trucks, 2 radio trucks and about 200 troops were loaded for Sukow. [REDACTED] 25X1

1. [REDACTED] Comment. The field exercises were held by units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. According to [REDACTED] the T-34s belong to units of the division from Bad Freienwalde. At the end of January 1953, units of the division [REDACTED] at exercises outside their Eberswalde post.

2. [REDACTED] Comment. A detachment of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US) was presumably

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loaded on 5 February 1953. Those elements of the brigade that had taken part in practices in the Stendal area and had been loaded on 3 February returned on 9 February. The return from Tangerhuetten of these elements is confirmed by records on rail movements.

- 25X1 3.  Comment. The loading was probably made by units of the 20th Army AT Arty Brig (US), whose destination can be confirmed by records on rail movements. Sukow is located southeast of Schwerin, in an area which had several times before been used for practices by the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. According to another report, units of the 6th Arty Div from Rathenow were transferred the same day, presumably for joint practices in this area.

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